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MINNESOTA BULLETIN NO. 180-4-

SUBJECT: CPA - RUSLE2 INSTALLATION.

<u>Purpose.</u> To transmit instructions for installing the most current version of this program, including the Soil Conditioning Index and the STIR values.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004.

The current version of the RUSLE2 water erosion prediction program is currently available on the water erosion web site at: http://fargo.nserl.purdue.edu/~vining/RUSLE2 Data Portal/

This version is dated March 10, 2004, and it contains the output for the soil conditioning index and the STIR values. These numbers will be used in determining eligibility for the CSP program, and are also referenced in a number of our current practice standards. This is the current official version of this program. Additional updates will not be made for at least a year, and then may involve only updating parts of the databases.

Attached to this bulletin are the installation instructions for this program, and the instructions for installing the database on the shared drive in the service center. Those counties involved in the 2004 CSP program will need to have this version installed prior to the sign up. All other counties should have this installation done as soon as practical. It contains updated crops and equipment lists, and a number of crop rotations (management files) that have already been built for each zone. The import, export and save functions have also been updated.

If you have questions on the installation or would like to have additional training for field offices on this updated version, contact Robin Martinek, State Agronomist.

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Attachment

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